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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) greatly values its partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. We regret that due to pandemic-related travel restrictions, we have been unable to meet with you in person and provide APHIS program updates as we have in the past. To keep you abreast of some major APHIS activities, we have hosted a series of Tribal webinars in the last few months. These webinars are designed to give you a better insight into how APHIS is helping to protect U.S. and Tribal agricultural and natural resources—and citizens—from animal and plant disease and pest threats. We hope you have taken advantage of the opportunity.

We would like to invite you and members of your staff to attend our Tribal Webinar: “Overview of APHIS’ Biotechnology Regulatory Services” on Wednesday March 09, 2022, at 1:00 pm EDT.

To protect plant health, Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) implements APHIS regulations for organisms developed using genetic engineering that may pose a risk to plant health. APHIS coordinates these responsibilities along with the other designated federal agencies as part of the Federal Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology. In this webinar, BRS staff will explain the USDA biotechnology regulations and how they are implemented, including the authorization of field trials and the inspection process.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership in safeguarding our agriculture, and hope you will join us for this event. If you have questions about the webinar, please contact ONTL Program Analyst Denise Salvetti at denise.salvetti@usda.gov or Dr. Terry Clark at terry.w.clark@usda.gov.

Details on our webinar are below:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Clark".

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Overview of APHIS' Biotechnology Regulatory Services Webinar
March 09, 2022, 1pm EDT

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